

Greatest Record in the History of this Giant Company.

Twenty-seventh Annual Statement
JANUARY 1, 1903

LIFE INSURANCE ISSUED AND PAID FOR during 1902, including Ordinary Insurance (\$87,000,000), over **272 MILLIONS**

ASSETS, end of 1902, over **60 MILLIONS**

INCOME, during 1902, over **33 MILLIONS**

PAID POLICY-HOLDERS, during 1902, over **9 MILLIONS**

SURPLUS, over **9 MILLIONS**

POLICIES IN FORCE, nearly **5 MILLIONS**

INCREASE IN PAID-FOR INSURANCE IN FORCE, OVER **108 MILLIONS**

MAKING THE GRAND TOTAL OF

Paid-for Insurance in Force over 800 Millions

Paid Policy-holders in 27 Years, nearly 68 Millions.

Features of the Year's administration were
MARKED REDUCTION IN EXPENSE RATE. INCREASED DIVIDENDS TO POLICY-HOLDERS. The Progressive Management and the Judicious Care of, and Liberality in Dealing with, Policy-holders' Interests, have made this

ONE OF THE GREAT LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES OF THE WORLD.

THE PRUDENTIAL

HOME OFFICE:
NEWARK, N. J.

INSURANCE CO. OF AMERICA.

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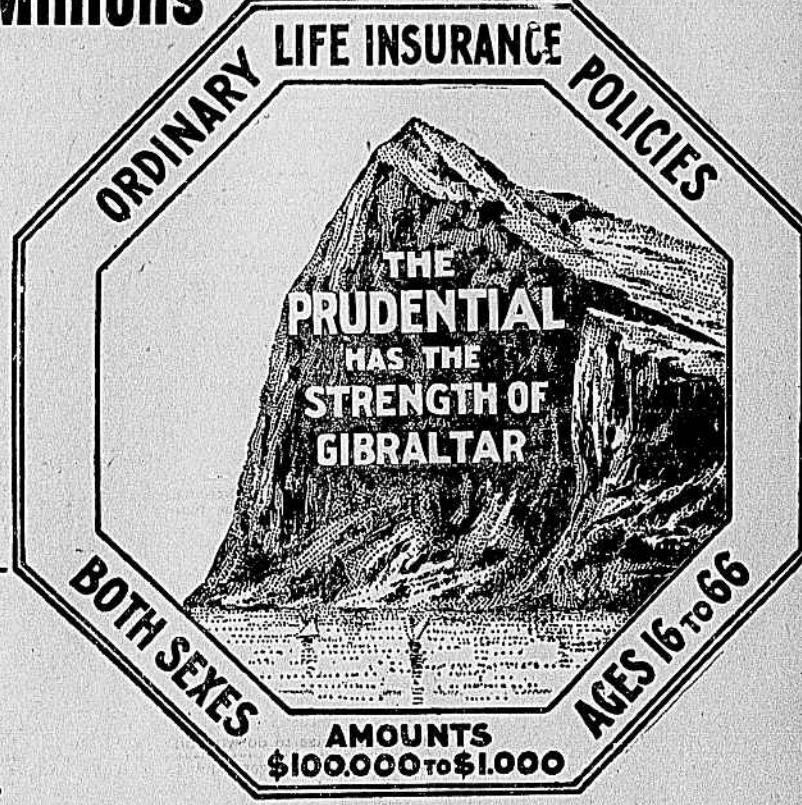
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ASSETS	
Bonds and Mortgages.....	\$10,996,958 27
Real Estate	11,863,588 61
Railroad Bonds and Stocks (Market Value)	18,621,442 50
Municipal Bonds (Market Value)	5,737,301 95
U. S. Gov. Bonds (Market Value)	109,000 00
Cash in Banks and Office.....	4,916,069 51
Interest and Rents, due and accrued	384,521 34
Loans on Collateral Securities	4,736,750 00
Loans on Policies.....	1,066,916 83
Premiums Deferred and in course of collection (net)	1,812,795 96
Total	\$60,245,339 87

LIABILITIES	
Reserve on Policies.....	\$49,800,630 00
All other Liabilities.....	923,304 54
Surplus to Policy-holders ..	9,521,405 33
Total	\$60,245,339 87



MANY LOCAL BILLS PASS

Repeal of Cape Fear Pilotage Laws Is Defeated.

SALE OF SWAMP LANDS

The Amount Secured Is to be Made a Permanent Fund to be Loaned to School Districts at Four Per Cent.—Other Bills Passed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
RALEIGH, N. C., February 26.—Both the House and Senate passed a great number of local bills to-day. The Senate voted down, 11 to 29, the bill repealing the compulsory pilotage law in the Cape Fear River. The bill to create a fund for building and improving public school houses in North Carolina passed second reading, and was made a special order for 1 o'clock to-morrow for the third reading. It provides that the proceeds from the sale of State swamp lands, now amounting to \$200,000, be made a permanent fund, to be loaned to school districts at 4 per cent., one-tenth of the principal to be paid back each year. A bill passed authorizing the sale of the steamer Lilly and the purchase of gas boats.

Among the bills introduced were:
By Mr. McBryde (by request): To provide election in Robeson county on moving the county seat from Lumberton to Pembroke (bill accompanied by petition from 2,000 voters).

By Mr. Mitchell: To incorporate Chowan and Aulander Railroad Company.

The Senate Committee on Finance made a favorable report on the bill appropriating \$25,000 for erecting a hall of records at the corner of Salisbury and Morgan Streets.

In the House Mr. Nissen introduced a bill to incorporate Williams, Yadkin county, the purpose being to avert the necessity of the old Rice whiskey distillery having to move away to some incorporated town under the operation of the Watts bill prohibiting the manufacture and sale of whiskey in the county.

Other bills introduced were:
By Mr. Drewry: To charter Raleigh Savings Bank.

By Mr. Erwin: To incorporate the Trans-Appalachian Railroad Company.
By Mr. Morton: A resolution to permit 1,000 copies of the Watts bill for distribution by members of General Assembly.
By Mr. Walters: To make it a misdemeanor for servants or wage-earners to secure employment by misrepresentation.
Among bills passed by the House were:

To incorporate Home Savings Bank of Durham.
To incorporate Durham Loan and Trust Company.
To repeal amendment to the charter of the Carolina and Northern Railroad Company.

CODE COMMISSION

Democratic Caucus Nominated Womack, Gully and Rodman.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
RALEIGH, N. C., February 26.—The Democratic caucus to-night nominated ex-Judge T. B. Womack, of Raleigh; N. Y. Gully, professor of law at Wake Forest College, and Colonel W. B. Rodman, of Washington, N. C., members of commission of three to codify the laws of the State. The commission has just been created by an act of the Legislature. When the caucus first met, motion was made and lost that the naming of the members of commission be left to the Governor. Nominating speeches were limited to one minute each.

There were twenty-nine nominations, and the first ballot resulted as follows: L. L. Smith, of Gates, 27; John S. Henderson, of Salisbury, 23; A. J. Burton, of Rockingham, 15; A. E. Henderson, of Caswell, 10; F. B. Rodman, of Washington, 18; John W. Hindsdale, of Raleigh, 3; Eugene S. Martin, 5; A. W. Graham, of Oxford, 4; N. Y. Gully, of Wake Forest, 4; J. Crawford Biggs, of Durham, 3; T. J. Jernigan, of Monroe, 10; Charles A. Moore, of Asheville, 7; A. L. Blow, of Pitt, 2; E. B. Roper, of Davidson, 15; W. B. Moore, of Jackson, 4; T. B. Womack, of Raleigh, 46; W. C. Munroe, of Goldsboro, 1; W. J. Adams, of Moore, 4; W. B. Shaw, of Vance, 5; J. P. Ray, of Orange, 4; S. P. Mordecai, of Raleigh, 1; Swift Galloway, of Green, 4; B. B. Werber, of Hatteras, 3; Jacob Battle, of Edgecombe, 1; C. Moore, of Orange, 3; D. D. Hackett, of Wilkes, 5; W. C. Newland, of Caldwell, 1; Theo. Davidson, of Buncombe, 1.

There were five ballots, N. Y. Gully being nominated with 30 votes on second, T. B. Womack with 26 on third and W. B. Rodman with 25 on fifth. The members of the commission will receive \$2,000 each for making the codifications, and they will have \$1,500 for clerk hire. The caucus nominated M. O. Sherrill for reelection as State librarian.

Durham's New Depot.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
DURHAM, N. C., February 26.—The dominant subject of interest and discussion here the past week has been the building of the union depot under the Fuller bill, passed by the Legislature compelling it. It now develops that while all of the courts, State and Federal—the last only two weeks ago—have decided that Peabody Street was the property of the Southern, which puts them in law in possession, so that they can build a depot, now that they came ready to build it, they are opposed by a threat of an appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Tobacco receipts have been heavy beyond expectations in this market, and prices have been high in other markets—nothing to boast of.

For Advertising Purposes.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
RALEIGH, N. C., February 26.—To-day the General Assembly passed the first law ever enacted allowing a town to vote a regular tax for the purpose of advertising itself, the tax for advertising purposes being greater than taxes for any other purpose. The bill was passed upon petition of more than two-thirds of the voters of Pine Bluff, a resort owned almost entirely by New England capitalists. Every form of business is included for taxation.

MORGAN PARTY TO VISIT FLORIDA

The Meaning of the Expedition Said to Be Absorption of Florida East Coast Line.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLOTTE, N. C., February 26.—J. Pierpont Morgan and a party of New York capitalists passed through Charlotte to-day en route to Tampa, from which port they will sail for Havana. The party were aboard a special train of six private cars. One of the cars, occupied by Mrs. Morgan and three lady friends, was side-tracked and later the car was taken up by the New Orleans train. Mrs. Morgan and her friends will go direct to New Orleans tonight and then to Tampa, and from there make a tour of the Pacific coast.

Just what brings Mr. Morgan South at this time is not known. Some say that the party will not go further South than Tampa, Fla., and the object of the trip is to make a tour of the Florida East Coast Railway system. It is rumored that the Southern has made a deal for this property, and will assume the management of the same not later than next June.

THE UTLEY CASE

Counsel Applies for Writ of Habeas Corpus on Ground of Insanity.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
RALEIGH, N. C., February 26.—Ex-Judge Thomas H. Sutton was here to-day and applied to Associate Justice P. D. Walker, of the Superior Court, for a writ of habeas corpus in behalf of Ed. Utley, convicted at Fayetteville for the murder of Hollingsworth and sentenced to fifteen years. Insanity is the ground on which the writ is asked. The hearing will be in Raleigh Monday.

TO RAISE TOBACCO

Wilmington Gives Promise of Becoming a Large Tobacco Market.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WILMINGTON, N. C., February 26.—Mr. James Dodd, manager of the Wilmington Tobacco Warehouse Company, has just returned from a trip through the lower part of Columbia county, Horwath county, and through portions of Brunswick county, completing his canvass of this entire section of Eastern Carolina in the interest of his company. Mr. Dodd is most enthusiastic over the prospects. He has seen 80 farmers, who have agreed to plant 4,000 acres in tobacco. One of this will be planted

in a section where tobacco has not hitherto been cultivated, and in other sections Mr. Dodd says the acreage will be about doubled. Work on the warehouse and other buildings of the Wilmington Tobacco Company will begin in a few days.

Governor Aycock has honored the request of the Governor of South Carolina for Samuel White, colored, now in jail in Wilmington and held by the Federal authorities. Eleven years ago in Marlboro county, S. C., White killed a negro named Will Roper. He fled, and \$200 reward was offered for his capture. At the last term of the Federal Court in this city, White was before the court charged with selling liquor without a license. While in the prisoner's box ex-Deputy Sheriff Newton recognized White as the murderer of the negro Roper. White confessed that he was the man wanted. Since the retailing liquor the negro was taken on the train to jail. Nearing the place of confinement White got away from the deputy marshal and jumped from the rapidly moving train, breaking his leg.

One night last week the store of the Holmes Grocery Company was broken into and robbed. Friday night robbers broke into the store of the Jacob Hardware Company, and Monday night Stone and Company's wholesale grocery establishment was broken into and robbed. Goods were carried off in each instance. There is an organized gang of robbers operating in this city, and as yet the police are unable to apprehend the guilty parties.

IN GREENSBORO

Fifty Dollars, Two Suits of Clothes and a Knitting Mill Missing.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
GREENSBORO, N. C., February 26.—A well-dressed, handsome man came here, registered at the Benbow Hotel, as J. C. Harrington, New York, and asked for representation of the Immigration Agent of Commerce for one suit. Harrington was in communication with presidents of these organizations and real estate men. He stated that he represented a syndicate which desired to locate a \$100,000 knitting mill somewhere in the central part of North Carolina and had been referred to Greensboro. He exhibited letters and testimonials from prominent New York financiers, and was shown around prettily in showing him properties and holding out inducements, was the president of the Southern Loan and Trust Company.

Friday afternoon Harrington sent to a leading clothing firm here, to send him two suits of clothes to his room at the hotel to get a suit for one suit. That night Harrington left with both suits of clothes and Monday, the bank got a wire that J. C. Harrington had no account at the Chemical Bank, New York. He stated here that he was going to Atlanta, Ga., but it is learned that he stopped in Charlotte Friday night. So the citizens are short \$100 and the city a knitting mill.

Lieutenant John W. Norwood, of the United States army, and his bride, were here to-day returning to Plattsburg, N. Y., where he is stationed. Since his marriage to Miss Emma C. Durham, of Montgomery, Ala., several days ago, they have been visiting Lieutenant Norwood's relatives at Waynesville, N. C.

THIS HOUSE HAUNTED

After Fifty Years Human Bones Are Dug Up in the Cellar.

MURDERED FOR MONEY

An Old Tradition in Botetourt Bears Out This Explanation—For Years It Has Been Believed That the Old House Was Haunted.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FINCASTLE, VA., February 26.—A discovery made within the last day or two has possibly gone far to explain the generally accepted belief, which has been handed down for years in Botetourt, that a certain old building near Fincastle is haunted. Certain it is that the tradition that once within its walls a foul crime was committed has served to throw about this weird and gloomy old structure a veil of mystery.

The children have feared it, and many older riders have ridden past with some uneasiness on dark, winter nights. The secret of this mysterious house has been discovered. One of the oldest houses in the county, and situated a few miles from Fincastle, it was recently purchased by a man, with the land upon which it stood, and also the farm attached, and is being torn down, with the view of erecting upon the site a new building. In digging in the cellar and removing debris, a sunken place in the dirt floor was discovered, which had the appearance, from its length and width, of having been a grave. An examination was commenced, and after getting a little over a foot below the surface, bones were discovered which proved to have belonged to a human being. They were very much decayed, and only small pieces were found. A part of the lower jaw-bone was intact with the teeth on one side in place, and bone evidence from the size and worn condition that they belonged to a man forty or fifty years of age. Other small parts were easily recognized. It is believed also that some of the bones were those of a boy buried in the same grave.

Since the discovery, some of the older people have been put to thinking, and now it is remembered that fifty or sixty years ago this house was used as a tavern, when hogs and cattle were driven over the road on the way to market. Frequently during the year droves of hogs passed along, and this house is known to have been a stopping place, where both man and beast could be accommodated. The house has borne the reputation ever since some of those living in the neighborhood can remember of being haunted and of being visited not infrequently by strange travelers from the spirit land, but it has continued to be occupied.

A gentleman who is well acquainted with the neighborhood in which the discovery was made says that about fifty years ago, in the recollection of some of the older citizens, a loose horse was found at this house, which no one ever claimed, and consequently remained on

the place. And in connection with this, it is said, a short time before the loose horse appeared, a drove of hogs on the way to Lynchburg or some other market spent one night at this house. With the owner and his son. The presence of two sets of bones in the grave lends color to support that the man was riding in a buggy and had a boy with him—perhaps his son. It was a case of murder and robbery, it must have been on the stranger's return from market, when he would be supposed to have the money for his hogs.

This seems to be the only reasonable solution to the mystery. As the circumstances connected with the matter, seem to indicate that a terrible crime was committed, and that all the parties who had any hand in it, have long since gone to their reward.

IN CULPEPER

Circuit Court at Work on an Old and Famous Case.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CULPEPER, VA., February 26.—The extra term of the Circuit Court for this county finally adjourned this afternoon. Judge T. R. Wright, of Tappahannock, presided for Judge Daniel A. Grimley, of Culpeper. The chancery cause of Coons vs. Coons, which has been in the Culpeper Circuit Court and also in the State Court of Appeals for fifteen years, was regularly heard, but not determined, it being by Judge Wright awarded back to the Commissioner in Chancery to state the accounts between the parties to the suit. United States District Attorney Lunsford Lewis, of Richmond, was in attendance on the court and represented some of the parties to the above suit. Mr. C. J. Riley has sold his fine estate known as "Bell Park," near this city, to Mr. L. R. Troy, of Charlottesville, for the sum of \$22,000; \$100 an acre. It is understood that Mr. Troy will build a fine residence building on the place. Agents of the Southern Railway are now in Culpeper securing different rights of way for the double tracking of that road. The work will be rapidly pushed by the contractor, who have gotten permission from the County Council to also build a large supply store house in Culpeper for provisions for working hands.

Tribute to Raleigh Victim.

One of the unusual incidents connected with the recent Haywood-Skinner tragedy in Raleigh, N. C., is a public tribute paid to the victim by his employer. It is as follows:

In Memoriam.
LUDLOW SKINNER.
I come to pay tribute to my dead friend—Ludlow Skinner. Those who knew him best loved him most. He was pure in speech and gentle as a woman. In all the years of our association I never knew him to utter a word I would rather he had left unsaid or do that which I would rather he had left undone. Mild in manners and unobtrusive almost to the point of diffidence, he was strong in principle, steadfast in principle and faithful in all things—Bayard in courage, a Sir Galahad in gentleness. His rude death came as a shock to his many friends, for no one thought he had an enemy in all the world. He leaves behind him in this community the record of a blameless life, and to his family he leaves the legacy of an honored name.
CHARLES E. JOHNSON.
Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 22, 1903.

RE-ELECTION UNANIMOUS

Mrs. Fairbanks to Succeed Herself; Little Excitement.

ONE FAINT NO WAS HEARD

Mrs. McLean Made an Appeal That the Delegate Voting in the Negative Withdraw Her Opposition, And This Was Done.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, February 26.—Mrs. Corneilia Cole Fairbanks, of Indiana, was unanimously re-elected president-general of the Daughters of the American Revolution to-day. There was less excitement than usual over the result in view of the unequivocal declaration of Mrs. Donald McLean, of New York, that she would not permit her name to be presented as a candidate for president-general, leaving the field clear for the present incumbent, Mrs. Waring, of South Carolina. The mention of the name was the signal for the minutes of yesterday's sessions, which were approved after a number of corrections and personal explanations.

Mrs. Fairbanks yielded the chair to Mrs. George M. Sternberg and nominations were declared in order. Mrs. Charles H. Masury, of Massachusetts, was recognized. She pleaded that the present generation of women be true to their noble ancestry of Revolutionary days. She then formally presented the name of Mrs. Fairbanks for reelection. The mention of the name was the signal for an outburst of applause that echoed and re-echoed throughout the hall. Mrs. Lippert, of Rhode Island, seconded the nomination and the speeches that followed were a symposium of tributes to Mrs. Fairbanks from a number of the State delegations. Mrs. Lippert moved to make the nomination unanimous. Mrs. Donald McLean was recognized, and spoke from the platform. As she seconded the nomination of Mrs. Fairbanks there was loud applause and ringing huzzas. After a number of delegates had given voice to their views, the nomination was declared unanimous by an aye and nay vote.

Then to question went back to the congress on a technicality. Mrs. McLean, of New York, protested, because she had not been recognized as the first to second the nomination of Mrs. Fairbanks, and there was a lively discussion between her and the chair Mrs. Sternberg. Mrs. McLean suggested, to avoid technicalities, that the rules required the unanimous vote to be cast by the recording secretary for the congress. An aye and nay vote on the instruction to the secretary to this effect followed and a faint "no" was called by one of the delegates, which was sufficient to defeat the instruction. Mrs. McLean, however, appealed to the unknown negative to withdraw the vote in the interest of harmony and on a rising vote there was no one standing when the negative side was called. Mrs. Fairbanks was therefore declared elected unanimously. Nominations were then made for vice-president-general, among them being Mrs. Donna Page, of Florida.